Rev. Ron Gallagher, new pastor of Appomattox Baptist Temple, is shown with his wife, Peggy, and their two daughters, Kathy and Julie Ann.

Ground breaking service was held Sunday for the construction of the new building for the Appomattox Baptist Temple.

Appomattox Baptist Temple Held Ground-Breaking Service

The congregation of the Appomattox Baptist Temple held the official ground-breaking service for construction of their new church on Sunday, August 19, at 3 p.m. This service was a real milestone for the church which has been in existence for some five years. The new facility will be a brick structure including both Sunday School and Sanctuary space. It will be located at the junction of Route 727 (the Red House Road) and Route 604, approximately two miles from the town of Appomattox.

Actual construction on the *new church building* is expected to begin this week and the pastor says he's praying for completion by December. Northway Contractors, a firm devoted exclusively to church building, of Greenville, S.C. will be doing the work.

Along with the celebration of a new church, the Appomattox Baptist Temple is also celebrating the arrival in Appomattox of their new pastor and his family, Ron and Peggie Gallagher and their two daughters, Kathy, 13, and Julie Ann, 9. Ron has been pastor of this church since February of this year, but until August 4 was commuting from his former home in Burkeville, Va. He is a graduate of Liberty Baptist College and has pastored the Liberty Baptist Church of Crewe, Va., and the Nottoway Baptist Tabernacle in Burkeville.

A native of Crewe, Va., Ron is the stepson of Jody Rainwater, manager of WTTX in Appomattox. His wife, Peggie, formerly of Lynchburg, was living in Burkeville when she became his childhood sweetheart and then his wife on July 4, 1964.

Ron's goal for the new church is to provide a local church with a balanced blend of strong Bible preaching and family involvement. According to Pastor Gallagher, America faces a worse crisis than one involving energy. That is, the disintergration of the family unit and along with it, the decay of Bible morality. He says that the church must be a place where the whole family has a place, and a part, where Christ becomes very real and very personal and a very central part of the life of everyone. Appomattox welcomes Pastor Gallagher and his family and salutes the Appomattox Baptist Temple in their achievement.

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Promise Land News

The annual homecoming and the beginning of the annual revival will be held at the Promise Land Baptist Church this fourth Sunday morning at 11 a.m. The Rev. Paul Brown and the St. Thomas Memorial Baptist Church of Washington, D.C. will be the special guests. All members, visitors and friends are cordially invited to attend. Dinner will be served by the ladies of the church. The revival will begin proper on Monday evening with the Rev. T. Van Rhoe of Newark, N.J. as the guest speaker. Local choirs have been invited to render music during the week.

A very large crowd attended the Springfield Baptist Church homecoming last Sunday. The pastor of the church, Rev. J.P. Rose who has been on the sick list was present and delivered the special homecoming message. The message was graciously received by all members and friends. The afternoon message was delivered by the Rev. Charles Lewis of Amherst, Va. He was accompanied by his choir of the Piney Hill Baptist Church. He delivered a very impressive sermon. The Rev. Mr. Lewis will be the speaker throughout the week.

Very large crowds were reported at the Chestnut Grove and the Mount Zion Church homecomings.

Regular preaching service was held at the Galilee Baptist Church last Sunday morning. The pastor of the church led the devotions and he was assisted by the Rev. Raymond H. Turner. The Rev. James Gafford of New York delivered the morning message. The local choir delivered beautiful music.

Mrs. Helen Kelso is receiving special treatment in the Lynchburg General Hospital.

Miss Rachel Pankey is receiving special treatment in the Virginia Baptist Hospital.

Mrs. Artie Burgess of Washington, D.C. and grandson are spending some time with her sister, Mrs. Beatrice Lawing and family and her brother, John H. Lewis.

Miss Shearia Bruce of Richmond, Va. is spending her vacation here with her grandmother, Mrs. Ada Nowlin.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Randolph of New Jersey are with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Fleshman of Spout Spring and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Randolph of Phenix, Va.

The Gospel Harmonnetts of the Jordan Baptist Church presented a talent program last Sunday evening at 7:30. The following local churches were represented: Peaceful Grove, Second Mineral Spring, Galilee and Jordan. The program was enjoyed by all. Miss Eloise Jones and Mrs. Martha served as mistress of ceremony. A special rally was sponsored by members of the group, for the benefit of the church. Rev. Lawing gave some remarks and the benediction.

ROCKS

ROCKS - August 23 - The temperature on last Sunday felt like winter had arrived.

Mrs. Beatrice Garrett underwent surgery at Virginia Baptist Hospital last Monday.

Mrs. Ruby Jamerson was transferred from Lynchburg General Hospital to Virginia Baptist Hospital where she will undergo surgery Monday.

Mrs. Walter Ranson and Mrs. Gladys Ranson were shopping in Farmville last Tuesday.

The Brotherhood had an ice cream eat down at Old Rocks on Wednesday night.

A few farmers have finished cutting tobacco.

A group left Friday afternoon for Reidsville, Va. on a fishing trip. They returned Saturday afternoon. Mike Richardson caught the largest fish - a 10 pounder.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn S. Martin went to Faber, Va. on Wednesday for the funeral of Jack Orvell. Sympathy is extended these families.

Mr. and Mrs. Gladys Ranson of Pamplin visited Berkley Gaulding last Thursday evening in the Keysville area.

Only 26 days before Round-Up-Sunday on September 9. Will you do your best to make it a good day?

Beatrice Garrett returned home from the hospital last Saturday.

Ginger Welch has returned from Africa after a two year stay as a Journeyman. She will teach in Appomattox School.

Nancy Richardson of Boston is spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C.E. Richardson of Pamplin.

Get well wishes go out to Jeter Witt Wooldridge who had surgery last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Taylor brought Sarah Browning to church on Sunday, where she was dedicated to the Lord.

Glad to see Marylin Harris out again.

Sympathy is extended the Lacy Baldwin family in the sudden death of their nephew at Ontario from a car wreck last Thursday.

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Torrence Family Reunion

Many of the grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren of Alfred Early and Mary Agnes (Aggie) Coleman Torrence met at the WOW Building for a family reunion Sunday, August 19, 1979. Approximately 180 family members and several guests were in attendance.

Present were Lucy W. Ferguson, Kittie W. Miranda, Cornelia and Mary Woodson, Hettie W. Hope, Leon W. Dodd, Mary Ann and Jane Drummond, George, Susan, Jennifer and Jamie Dodd, Dillard Woodson and Virginia Reid Lassville. Helen T. and Abbitt Coleman, Neiwyn Morris, Catherine T. and Shearer Robertson, Mickey, Sandra, Roxanne and Julia Martin and Eunice and Harold Caldwell.

Also, Wallace and Mary Torrence, Earl and margaret Torrence, Carl and Margaret Torrence and James and O'B. Alvis and Lucille O'B. Dahl. Lacy and Edna Torrence, Dick, Betty and Jennie Torrence, Garland and Ruby Torrence, Monroe, Louise T. and Joyce Foster, James and Lorene T. Richardson, Bertha T. Dickerson, Carol D., Stephanie, Robert and Monica Steele, Faye D., Chris, Jason and Shanon Sams.

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Also, Richard and Betty M. Webb, Richard and Verna M. Hamilton, Vera M. Robertson, Willie, Lula and Scottie Morris, Rachel M. Day, and Harold and Margie Morris.

Alfred W. and Mary Torrence, Cecil Torrence, Annie T. Ellett, Douglas and Betty Agee and Estelle A. Marshall.

Mrs. J.L. Torrence, Sr., Elliott and Lorraine Torrence, Thelma T. and Jim Conner, Dennis and Pat Torrence, Larry, Gloria, Kim and Matthew Torrence, Mike, Pat Ann, Micah and Wyatt torrence, Mike and Sheila Lewis, June Carol, Donnie and Ronald Thornhill, Buddy and Judy Conner and Gary and Pam Conner.

The guests were Rev. and Mrs. Clarence Davis, Rev. and Mrs. George Crydell, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Myrick, Patty and Stacy, Mrs. Katie Gilbert, Mrs. Gracie Morris and Mrs. Bailey.

James Torrence is the president of this group and Dennie Torrence, Thelma T. Conner, Cecil Torrence and Annie T. Ellett serve with him. This was the sixteenth consecutive reunion held. Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Torrence were the parents of thirteen children, and eleven of the family groups were represented Sunday.

NICE CATFISH - Ric Stratton, 14 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Stratton of Concord, is shown holding a nine pound catfish he caught while fishing with friends in the John Alvis pond near Stonewall on August 19th. The fish was 25 inches long and Ric was quite proud of his catch.

Beta Sigma Phi Initiated New Member

The Ritual of Jewels Ceremony was held Wednesday, July 25, by Delta Zeta Chapter of the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority. Mrs. Cindy Thomas (left) received her formal Ritual of Jewels Ceremony at the home of Mrs. Ann Harris of Gladstone. Ann Wilcox (right), president of the chapter, conducted the ceremony.

Following the ceremony, Mrs. Harris entertained with a social in honor of Mrs. Cindy Thomas, the new member.

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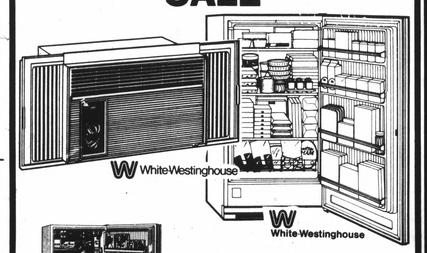

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ASCS TODAY

By Tom Conrad

No Wheat Set-Aside For 1980 - In last week's column I mentioned that there would be no set-aside for 1980 wheat. This week I would like to elaborate on some of the 1980 program provisions.

The 1980 wheat loan rate will be increased from $2.35 to $2.50 per bushel.

Using the formula contained in the Food and Agriculture Act of 1977, the 1980 target price is expected to be between $2.95 and $3.20 per bushel. The 1979 target price was $2.98 but because of last year's 20 percent required set-aside, it was adjusted to $3.40. The final 1980 target price will be announced by March 15. A detailed review of the target price for applicable commodities is underway to determine if legislative changes are necessary.

The national wheat program acreage for 1980 is 70 million acres which is the estimated number of harvested acres that the Secretary has determined will produce enough wheat for domestic use, for export, and to maintain an adequate level of carryover stocks. This acreage may however, be adjusted based on later information which affects total usage.

Farmers who comply with program requirements and plant no more wheat in 1980 than the planted (and that was considered as planted) in 1979 will have full target price protection. The 1979 considered planted acreage includes credit for set-aside, haying and grazing acreage for payments, prevented planted, and voluntary acreage reductions. Those who exceed this acreage will be subject to the national allocation factor. The allocation factor is determined by dividing the national program acreage by the number of acres the Secretary estimates were harvested. This figure cannot be less than 80 percent nor more than 100 percent. The allocation factor will only be applied to deficiency payments. Since it is based on the number of acres actually harvested, the final factor will not be announced until the fall of 1980.

The wheat deficiency payment rate is the difference between the target price and the higher of (1) the national average market price received for the first 5 months of the 1980 marketing year (June through October) or (2) the national average loan rate. If deficiency payments are made, they will be computed by multiplying the payment rate times the farm's established yield, times the number of acres planted for harvest. The resulting figure would then be multiplied by the allocation factor if the farmer had planted more in 1980 than was planted and considered as planted in 1979.

If there is a set-aside and/or a voluntary diversion program in effect for any program commodity, producers must comply with the applicable set-aside requirement for the crop to be eligible for program benefits or any other crop included in the Normal Crop Acreage. Offsetting compliance provisions have not been determined.

The Food and Agriculture Act of 1977 provides for a disaster payment program through the 1979 crop year. There will be no disaster coverage for the 1980 crops unless new legislation is enacted.

The total amount of deficiency payments and voluntary diversion, if applicable, which a person can receive under a combination of the wheat and feed grain programs is $50,000. This limitation does not apply to loans or purchases.

Planted acreage in 1980 in excess of that normally used for crop production will not be added to a producer's normal crop acreage for subsequent years. USDA may also seek legislative changes to encourage continued good farming practices as a condition for farm program benefits.

Other provisions of the 1980 wheat program will be announced later. USDA PROPOSES GRADE LOAN RATES FOR 1979 FIRE-CURED TOBACCO - The proposed schedule of grade loan rates for fire-cured (type 21) tobacco has been announced by Ray Fitzgerald, administrator ASCS.

To discourage production of the lower quality grade of fire-cured type 21 designated "N2", Fitzgerald proposed that this grade not be supported for the 1979 crop.

The proposed schedule of grade loan rates is based on the average level of support of 90.4 cents per pound which is about 6.9 percent higher than the 1978 level. The proposed rates vary as to tobacco quality and range from 49 cents to $1.39 per pound.

The cooperative association through which advances are available on Virginia fire-cured type 21 will be authorized to deduct one cent per pound to apply against overhead costs.

Written comments regarding the proposed rates will be accepted if submitted by August 29 to the Director, Price Support and Loan Division, ASCS, USDA, P.O. Box 2415, Washington, D.C., 20013. The comments will be available for public inspection in room 3741 of the department's South building during regular business hours.

Society Security Questions & Answers

Q - My company's pension plan pays retirement pensions at age 55. I'm considering retiring when I reach 55 later this year. If I do, how will this affect my social security benefits at age 65?

A - The amount of your social security retirement benefit will be based on your covered earnings over a period of years. If several or more years of no earnings have to be counted, your benefit will be lower than what it would be if you worked until you are 65.

Q - Some friends and I have been talking about social security. Most of us feel that it's not a good buy. Couldn't we do better with private insurance or investments?

A - Social security is more than just a retirement program. It provides disability and survivors insurance protection for you and your family while you're working. And, it provides Medicare - health insurance - for people 65 and over and many disabled people under 65. No insurance company currently offers a similar package of protection. But, social security isn't meant to be the sole source of retirement income. It's a base of income protection that you can build on with individual savings, investments, or other insurance.

Q - I recently started working for a local farmer. Is my work covered by social security?

A - Wages from farm work are covered by social security if you receive at least $150 in cash pay from your employer during a year, or you are employed on 20 or more days during a year for cash pay figured on a time basis (by the hour, day, week), regardless of the amount of pay. You will get one quarter of coverage for each $260 of your covered earnings in 1979, up to a maximum of 4 quarters for a year.

Q - My wife and I will be 65 later this year. How soon should we apply for social security benefits?

A - You should apply for retirement benefits about 2-3 months before you plan to retire. That way, your claim can be processed in time for your payments to start when you stop working. In addition, you will have full protection under Medicare by applying before the month you are 65.

Q - I've heard that it would be to my advantage if my doctor accepts assignment of the Medicare medical insurance payment. What difference does it make whether he gets the medical insurance payment or I do?

A - When doctors (or suppliers) accept the assignment method of payment they also must accept the Medicare reasonable charge as their total charge. They can bill you only for 20 percent of the reasonable charge (plus any part of the deductible you haven't met). If you file the claim for payments, the doctor can bill you for his or her actual charge, even if it is more than the Medicare reasonable charge.

Q - I'll be 65 in a few months, but I plan to keep working. Do I have to wait until I actually retire to get Medicare?

A. No. If you have worked long enough under social security or railroad retirement, you are eligible for Medicare at 65 even if you continue to work. To make sure you get the full protection of Medicare starting with the month you are 65, you should apply at a social security office about 3 months before you reach 65.

Q - Our daughter recently became eligible for Medicare because she has permanent kidney failure. We know Medicare will cover her dialysis and other major services. What services are not covered?

A - Some of the services Medicare does not cover are ambulance or other transportation costs to a facility for routine outpatient maintenance dialysis; dialysis aides' services to assist in home dialysis, except under certain conditions; impatient hospital and skilled nursing facility costs when the stay is solely for maintenance dialysis; and lodging costs when an outpatient dialysis facility is not near your home. For detailed information, ask for a copy of **Medicare coverage of kidney dialysis and kidney transplant services - A supplement to Your Medicare Handbook** at any social security office.

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